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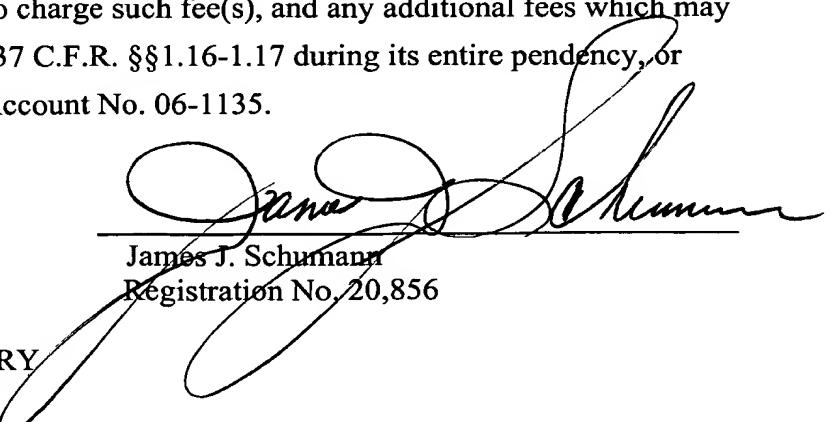
Applicants: Steve Qi et al.)
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Title: Novel Serine Protease Genes Related to DPPIV)
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**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3)**

Applicants hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.36(a)(3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicants do not timely pay for any extension fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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